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SUBJECT: OECD: MEETING OF THE WORKING PARTY ON INFORMATION
SECURITY AND PRIVACY (WPISP), MARCH 3-4, PARIS

¶1. SUMMARY: The meeting of the WPISP centered on discussions to finalize the Working Party's contributions to the OECD Ministerial on the Future of the Internet Economy that will take place in Seoul, Korea in June. In addition, the Working Party considered its future work program for the next two years, which will likely cover several important emerging issues in security and privacy. END SUMMARY.

¶2. John Rodgers, EEB/CIP/MA, led the U.S. delegation consisting of USG agencies and private sector representatives to the meeting of the WPISP in Paris. Other members of the U.S. delegation were the following:

- Christina Speck, NTIA
- Narda Jones, FCC
- Thomas Dukes, DOJ
- Jade Nester, State
- John Kropf, DHS
- J. Scott Mathews, ITA
- Hugh Stevenson, FTC
- Amy Alvarez, (private sector)

¶3. Occurring immediately prior to the meeting of the Committee for Information, Computer and Communications Policy (ICCP), the meeting focused on finalizing key documents for ICCP's consideration in advance of the OECD Ministerial on the Future of the Internet Economy. The WPISP completed its contributions to the OECD Ministerial, by forwarding a recommendation to the ICCP that several documents be declassified. These included the joint OECD-APEC work on malware and the Radio Frequency Identifier (RFID) Policy Guidelines.

¶4. The Working Party discussed its priorities for the OECD Program of Work and Budget (PWB) for 2009-2010. The WPISP weighed support within the group for new projects in the next cycle of work (2009-2010) and the following projects and areas of future work appeared to attract the most support:

- Global Privacy Dialogue,
- Digital Identity Management,
- Malware (continued work)
- Sensor-based Environments
- Cross-border Enforcement on Privacy

¶5. In addition, the member countries discussed, but did not come to a final decision about, the concept of establishing an OECD web-based Support Platform for International Regulatory Networks ("SPIRE") to assist member country agencies in their work to enforce consumer protection and privacy laws. The consensus on this issue at the meeting was that more work is necessary in the interim and at the next session of WPISP to clarify scope and content of this possible project. The U.S. interagency group will discuss in the coming weeks its positions on this and the other future work areas and will participate actively in the process of crafting the WPISP work program.

¶6. The possible impact of the review of candidate countries

on the Working Party's workload was also a point for discussion in plenary. Because of the process of reviewing the readiness of new candidate members (Chile, Slovenia, Israel, Russia) to join the OECD will entail considerable work on the part of each constituent group in the OECD, the WPISP delegates took note of the possible impact on the resources of the Working Party in carrying out other projects. The U.S. observed that this is an important task coming from the OECD Council and that the WPISP should be mindful of the resource implications, both in time and budget, for the group.

¶7. Finally, WPISP members elected a new Bureau consisting of 8 member countries for the next year. The U.S. Bureau member, Hugh Stevenson (Federal Trade Commission), was newly elected this year. He replaces Robin Layton of Commerce/ITA.

Other members on the Bureau are from Australia (Chair), Portugal, Japan, Korea, Norway, Canada and the UK.

¶8. The next meeting of the WPISP will take place November 17-18, 2008, in Paris.

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